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PRAGUE FOR DICK HOOVER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAN AM REP JOE BASSO

1. MR. JOE BASSO, NEWLY ASSIGNED REPRESENTATIVE FOR PAN AM TO BUCHAREST AND FORMER REP IN PRAGUE ARRIVED AT EMBASSY TUESDAY APRIL 15. RELATED SCENARIO OF EVENTS OF HIS LAST VISIT TO PRAGUE APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 15 CULMINATING IN 0830 APRIL 15 MEETING WITH FOMAREK OF CZECH PASSPORT AND VISA OFFICE AND TWO OTHER GENTLEMEN PRESUMABLY OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. ACCORDING TO BASSO MEETING LASTED 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES WITH QUESTIONS RANGING FROM BASSO'S OPINION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NAMES AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED REFUGEES WHO FORMERLY WORKED FOR PAN AM, NAMES OF CZECHS WITH WHOM HE DEALT AT FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATION AND WHETHER THEY HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, AND TO PRESSURING BASSO TO WORK FOR STATE SECURITY THROUGH THREATS TO TERMINATE RELATIONSHIP WITH CZECH GIRLFRIEND AND TO HAVE VISAS DENIED THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE. AT CONCLUSION BASSO SWORN TO SECRECY WITH REGARDS TO MEETING, THUS UNABLE TO NOTIFY EMBASSY PRAGUE IMMEDIATELY.

2. HE PLANS TO RETURN TO PRAGUE AT SOME POINT TO SEE HIS GIRLFRIEND, BUT IS UNSURE HOW TO PURSUE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CZECH SECURITY. HE EXPECTS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY SOON TO MEET WITH PAN AM SECURITY IN NEW YORK.

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3. IF MORE DATA ON APRIL 15 MEETING NEEDED, PLEASE ADVISE.

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